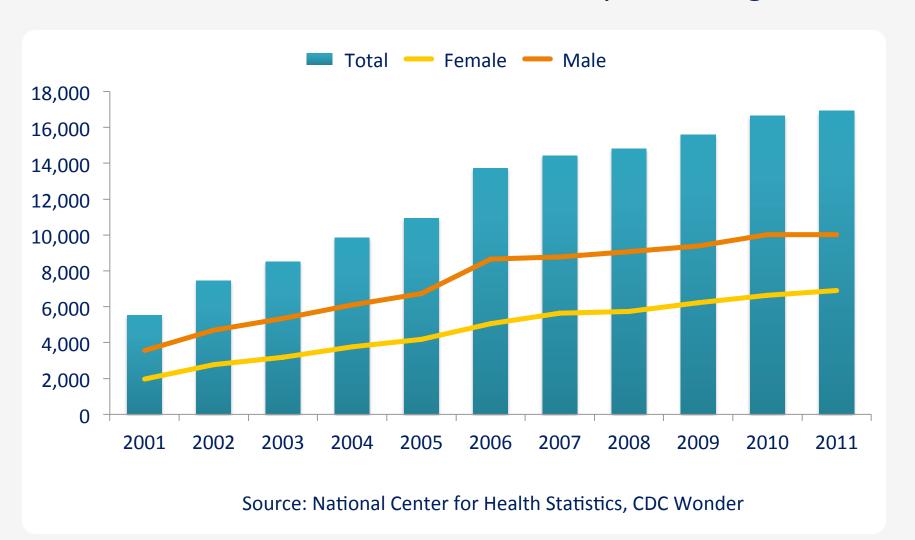
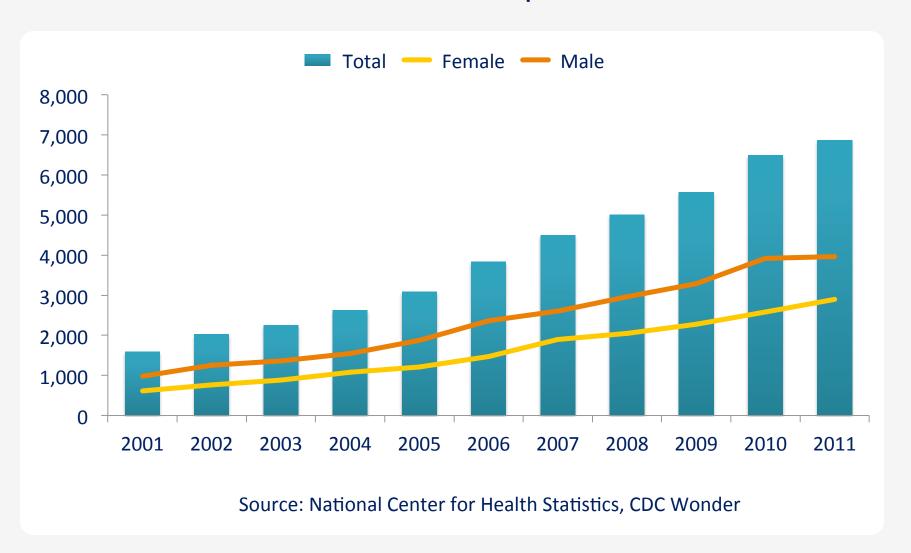


Number of Deaths from Prescription Drugs



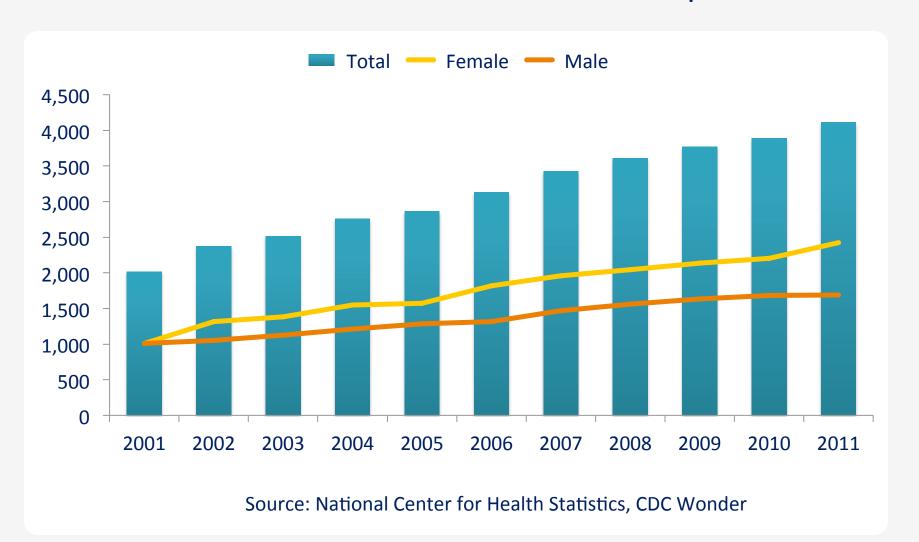


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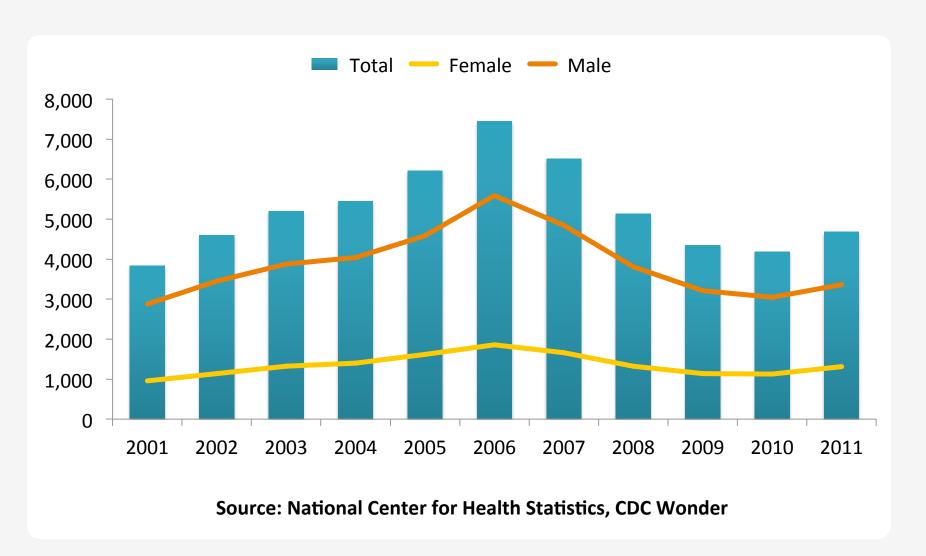


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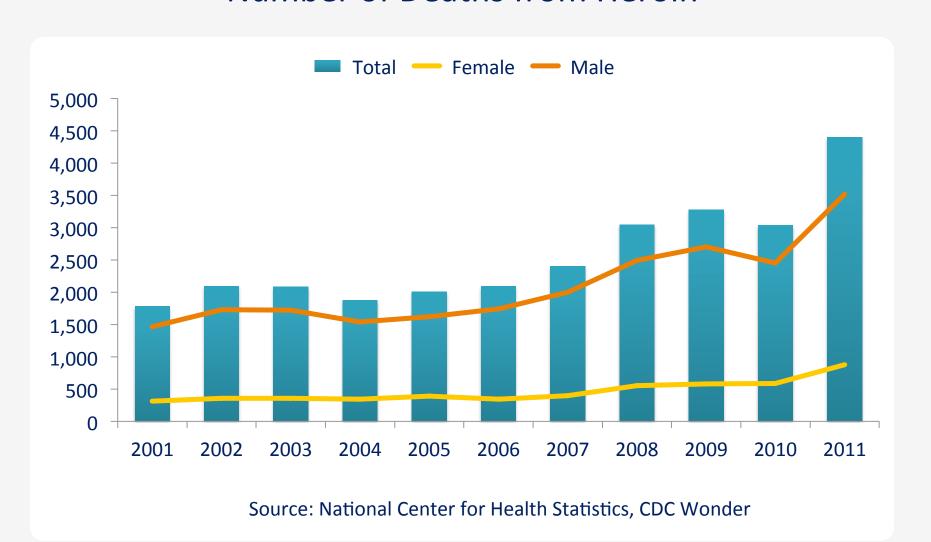


Number of Deaths from Cocaine





Number of Deaths from Heroin



Alternate Text

• The figures above are bar charts showing the number of US overdose deaths involving prescription drugs, opioid analgesics, benzodiazepines, cocaine, or heroin from 2001 to 2011. The charts are overlayed by line graphs showing the number of deaths by males and females. The highest rise was seen for deaths involving benzodiazepines with a 6-fold increase from 2001 to 2011. This was followed by deaths involving prescriptions opioid pain relievers with a 3-fold increase and deaths involving heroin showing a 2.5 fold increase. Cocaine deaths increased by 22% over the same period.